GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:212
ANSWERED ON:04.12.2000
WILDLIFE BILL
RUDRAGOUDA PATIL

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to take steps including a comprehensive wild-life Bill to protect the fast depleting population of wild animals; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a)&(b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO 212 FOR 4.12.2000 REGARDING WILDLIFE BILL.

(a) & (b) : The existing provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act,1972 are quite comprehensive and effective in respect of management of National Parks and Sanctuaries, management of Zoos, control of hunting and illegal trade of Wildlife. However, a proposal to further strengthen the provisions of the Act has been drafted on the basis of recommendations of a committee appointed by the Ministry. Recommendations mainly relate to :

(i) Involvement of local communities in management of wildlife protected areas and using the forest usufructs that are available in the process of management of the habitat of wild animals being available explicitly to the local communities .

(ii) Effective enforcement of the provisions of the Convention on International Trade in Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES) and regulating possession and trade of such species covered by the convention.

(iii) Making punitive sections of the Act more stringent and effective.

(iv) Making Indian Board for Wild Life a statutory body.